COURTS MAY SETTLE GAS TRUST'S LATEST DISPUTE

Majority Faction Among Directors Seeks Legal Decision to Support Their Plans.

RESOLUTIONS

Both Sides Stand Sponsor for Different Plans at Regular Meeting.

A resolution that will have an important bearing on the future of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company was introduced and carried by the majority members of the directorate at the regular meeting last

Its object is to put to a test in the courts the legality of the plan to manufacture gas. The resolution was hotly contested by the minority, but was passed by the usual party vote of 5 to 3, Messrs. Lyman, Scott and Frenzel voting "nay" and Messrs. Richards, Barnes, Bates, Atkins and Lilly sounding the "ayes."

Opinion being divided, the resolution was introduced last night and the action taken on it by the courts will shape the future of the company. Should the court decide that the plan is illegal it would probably mean the disruption of the company.

WOULD INSTITUTE COURT ACTION. The resolution follows:

Whereas doubts have arisen and questions have been raised as to the legality of the corporate organization of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company as to the nature and scope of the trusts, if any, created by its articles of association, the powers and duties of said company, the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors and the rights of its stockholders and its certificate And whereas it is essential to the pros-

perity and continued existence of said com- "St. Francis of Assisi." that said questions should be judicially and speedily determined; Board of Directors in instituting, as soon possible, appropriate legal proceedings to determine as to the legality of the company's organization, to define the nature and limits of the trusts, if any, created powers and duties of said company, its

pany to manufacture and supply its patrons with artificial gas for fuel and illu-minating purposes; and also to define and determine the rights of its stockhoiders and Be it further resolved, that the secretary be and he is hereby directed forthwith to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Trustees, with the request that BISCUIT COMPANY said Board of Trustees return answer to this Board of Directors as soon as prac-

Board of Trustees, and its Board of Direc-

tors, and especially the power of said com-

MINORITY RESOLUTION INTRODUCED A resolution was also introduced by the minority, providing that the supplying of natural gas be discontinued in the city after Feb. 29. It was defeated by the vote of 5 to 3, and was referred for consideration to Judge Walker and Judge Howe. The fol- one-horse wagons.

Whereas, The report recently submitted by Mr. Brill, an expert employed by this company, states that the supply of natural "seems to be practically exhausted. and as far as can be seen there is no way to prolong the life of the natural gas supply, or the usefulness of the wells which are owned or which might be drilled for use in supplying the city of Indianapolis suffi-

Whereas, by the report of the committee of stockholders appointed by the trustees to audit the accounts of the company and the report of the expert accountant, the American Auditing Company, employed to assist said committee, it was shown that this company lost \$36,235.39 during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1903, in its operations as a natural gas company; and, Whereas, The loss of the company

through the insufficiency of the receipts to pay the operating expenses of the company constantly increasing, so that the loss or necessary operating expenses is now estimated to be \$10,000 or more per month; and, Whereas, It is impossible any longer for this company to furnish natural gas to consumers in this city except at a great loss, and this board, on the 9th of February, 1904, recognizing the fact that it was no the sale by the company of its leases and other property outside of the city, and the

"Resolved. That the supplying of natural gas in this city by this company be discontinued after Feb. 29, 1904, and that notice of this fact be sent to each of the present

NEGRO BUSINESS MEN PREPARE FOR MEETING

Local Committee Is Named to Welcome Booker T. Washington and Other Visitors.

A mass meeting of representatives of the various negro organizations of the city met Indiana avenue, on the call of the local erate all of its own electricity. officers of the National Negro Business League for the purpose of making arrangements for the meeting of the National Negre Business League in this city next Aucommittee of fifty was selected to assist in making arrangements for the meeting.

An executive committee, consisting of G. L. Knox, A. E. Manning, S. A. Furniss, Bishop A. Grant, Dr. W. H. Chambers, Jacob Porter, C. M. C. Willis, J. H. Lott, J. A. Bryant, Ed Perkins, M. H. Turner, Gurley Brewer, J. J. Buckner, William Christy and B. J. Morgan, was selected to have ex-

clusive direction of arrangements for meeting. Other names of men representative of other organizations will be added later. The National Negro Business League, which meets in this city this summer, probably the last of August, is the largest secular organization among the colored people of the country. Booker T. Washington is president of the organization. At the meeting at Nashville last summer over 600 dele gates were in attendance. It is expected the attendance in this city will be over a thousand. Much interest has been shown all over the country in perfecting local

organizations. It is expected to organize a State league

of negro business men at an early date. THE JOURNAL'S SHOPPING DEPART. MENT:

For the Use of Journal Subscriberer The Journal has established a free shopping department for the use of its readers. All Journal subscribers are invited to use the department freely at all times. Experts have been engaged as Journal shopping commissioners who will personally execute any orders readers wish to

When you see an attraction in the Journal's advertising columns and find it inconvenient to visit the stores yourself, communicate with the Journal's Shopping Department by telephone, or mail, and the purchase will be made immediately and the roods sent to you C. O. D. Your purchase will be made within an hour of the time the order is received, and it will be made by an expert shopper-one who knows how to buy and buy well. All merchants advertising in the Journal are thoroughly reliable. and purchases made by the Journal's staff will be at the lowest figures obtainable by

The shopping will be done absolutely without expense to you or to the merchant. The one requirement is that you be a Journal subscriber.

All correspondence relating to purchases or prospective purchases will be answered promptly and fully. Any class of purchases you wish will be made. If you want anything, from a pair of gloves to an automobile, you can give your order through the Journal's Shopping Department.
Address Journal Shopping Department, the Indianapolis Journal.



PROF. HOWARD GRIGGS. Indianapolis Man, Noted Lecturer.

OLD ACQUAINTANCES IN LECTURER'S AUDIENCE

Professor Griggs Speaks at Athenaeum Hall, Irvington, to Former Neighbors.

TUESDAY CLUB'S GUEST

Professor Howard Griggs, formerly of Leland Stanford University, spoke last night before the Irvington Tuesday Club F. Carter and W. K. Richter. and its guests in Athenaeum Hall at Butler College. The subject of his lecture was

Professor Griggs's appearance in Irvington was doubly interesting because the suburb is his former home. His parents, Trustees be requested to unite with the Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Griggs, live on Local Firm's Bid on Entire Issue South Emerson avenue

The Athenaeum Hall was well filled with over two hundred people last night when Professor Griggs was introduced by Mrs. Joseph Hunter, president of the Irvington by its articles of association, to define the Tuesday Club. He is an easy and fluent speaker. He held the interest of his audience throughout the lecture, which was one of the best that has been heard in Irv-

Professor Griggs dealt with St. Francis as a great moral leader and his influence in after years. He said that St. Francis preached the perfect brotherhood and lived The commissioners met yesterday at noon, in practical obedience of what he preached. but could reach no agreement. They had

PAYS LICENSE FEES

Vehicle licenses aggregating \$106 were paid into the city controller's office yesterday by the National Biscuit Company. This is paid into the office, and was for licenses on seventeen two-horse wagons and seven;

FUNDS AND NEW HOME ARE NEEDED FOR ORPHANAGE

clently to justify any additional expenditure Building Half a Century Old Now Great Crowds Witnessed Magnifi-Occupied by Hundred Young Tenants.

A new building to replace the one fifty deficiency of receipts to meet actual and County Board of Charities, which has just reported an inspection of the institution to the County Commissioners.

"It would be unwise," says the report, "to expend any large sum of money on the present building. It was built in 1854 the mother of all beauty, for his subject, longer practicable to furnish natural gas for the Northwestern Christian Universityexcept at a loss, passed resolutions favoring | now Butler College-and was occupied by epic of Izdubar in twenty cars, which trathe university until they moved to its presconstruction of an artificial gas plant in ent quarters in Irvington, which was about French Opera House was the culminating younger days together surrounded by the same such a very indifferent marriage of it that they

The report commends the management of penses, even with the strictest economy. There are many pathetic cases in the esyum; one family of five children who have with neither father nor mother. There are loss children in the home, fifty-five boys and fifty-three girls. The oldest boy and the oldest girl are both sixteen years old, while of the cotton king changed his title for the no mother, and another of four children there are three children under one year of

M. T. H. S. NEWS NOTES.

The June class of 1905 has entered upon

the second half of its junior year by electing the following officers: Henry Kerr. president; Henrietta Buchannan, vice-president; Ethel Sterwallt, secretary, and Henry Bliss, treasurer. The time limit placed on material for the Annual has been fixed at Feb. 26, and in or-

der to obtain everything by this time the editors have been very busy. As the class wishes to outdo all previous papers, a prize of some kind will be given for the best

The recent party of the January, '05, class was one of the most successful of its kind ever given. The entire house of Clarence Alig, where the affair was held, was decked in the school color of red and white and the class colors of black and gold. The refreshments were also served in the same colors and in the shape of hearts. Louis Bruck received a handsome burnt-leather card case for making the best proposal, while Lelia Nagle was given a box of Craig's for bring up the end of the crowd.

Jury of His Fellow-Clubmen.

BOX OF CIGARS IS FINE

Scott Gehring, an innocent-looking young man, was declared guilty of stealing a small white duck last night. This decision was reached by a jury composed of mempers of the McKinley Republican Club at mock trial held at the clubhouse.

Fred Shepherd was judge and his rulings elicited much interest.

James Collins was prosecuting attorney, and he had the usual faculty of bewilderng the witnesses. The defendant was repout during the trial that the sentimental value of the duck was \$1, the real value being thirty-seven cents.

While the trial was progressing the judge caused Harry B. Smith and Robert Metzger to be brought in for contempt of court and they were each fined a box of cigars. This club was organized in June of 1900, and is present officers are: President, J. A. directors, George Fati, Elso Keller, W. H. Christini, Dr. J. F. Robertson, W. W. Webb. For the election, which will occur March 1. two tickets have been placed in the field, the regular and the independent. The reg-

ter, president; W. Christini, vice president; C. Hurst, secretary; G. Fati, treasurer; directors, W. C. Christini, W. L. Barker, W.

SELL SCHOOL BONDS

Is Accepted by the Commissioners.

AT \$1,000 PREMIUM

Three series of school bonds, making an Wild & Co. for \$151,000, a premium of \$1,000. but could reach no agreement. They held an adjourned meeting in the Library building last night and sold the bonds. Other blds received on the bonds were:

Indiana Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance company, \$10,050 for \$10,000 worth of bonds. E. D. Bush & Co., \$25,025 for \$25,000 worth Clifford Arrick, \$10,010 for \$10,000 worth of Marion Trust Company, \$150,150 for entire Newton Todd, \$25,126.50 for \$25,000 worth of

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL CLOSES IN SPLENDOR

cent Pageant of Rex and Comus and Attend Balls.

MONEY NEEDED MONTHLY SEASON'S SOCIAL EVENT

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.-With a payears old now used by the Indianapolis Or- geant of surpassing splendor and the balls of Rex and Comus, the Mardi Gras carnival closed to-night. Rex entertained a multitude of his subjects in Washington Artillery Hall and in his brilliantly-llluminated throneroom chose for his queen Miss Josie Halliday. Comus reached back to Babylon, and gave a gorgeous moving picture of the versed the principal streets of the city. are twin children. You came into this world The ball of the Comus Krewe at the with the same dispositions, and you passed your Pistol says. But conveyancing and he had made

Morning trains brought large accessions to the throngs of strangers gathered to the asylum and indicates that more money witness the parades and participants in is needed each month, as it is quite im- the social festivities. The weather was is my influence, or my weak wisdom, compared possible to make the receipts equal the ex- pleasant. Promiscuous maskers afforded with yours!" abundant amusement to visitor and native alike and the streets were filled with ani- Minor Canon, "and it was the highest wisdom mated crowds. Rex rode through the ever known upon this earth, remember. As to being blown towards him by some unaccountable streets at the head of a magnificent pacotton king, changed his title for the day Retracing his steps towards the Cathedral source. So, by chance, he had found his niche, personated the merry monarch of Mardi Gras.

Inquiry at the sanatorium to-day disclosed the fact of a slight improvement to marry them," he reflected, "and I would in the condition of Hewit Chapman, one | they were married and gone! But this presses | of the Proteus maskers who fell from the arst." He debated principally whether he (supposing him to have ever lighted it), and A great many changes are taking place Knighthood float, in last night's parade in the engine room and when all improve- and was perhaps fataly injured. Mr. Chaplast night at the office of the Freeman, in ments have been made, the school will gen- man is a native of Bowling Green, Ky., and lishmer inclined him to the latter course, and P. J. T., who planted in seventeen-forty-seven.

Something Left Undone.

Labor with what zeal we will, Something still remains undone: Something uncompleted still Waits the rising of the sun.

By the bedside, on the stair, At the threshold, near the gates, With its menace or its prayer, Like a mendicant it waits.

Waits, and will not go away; Waits and will not be gainsafd; By the cares of yesterday Each to-day is heavier made, Till at length the burden seems Greater than our strength can bear-Heavy as the weight of dreams, Pressing on us everywhere.

And we stand from day to day, Like the dwarfs of times gone by, Who, as Northern legends say, On their shoulders held the sky.

EDWIN DROOD MYSTERY CONTEST

One Hundred Dollars in Cash Prizes Will Be Paid to Journal Readers

The Journal offers \$100 in prizes for the tributions will receive consideration only best solution of the mystery left unsolved as solutions of the mystery. The most by the death of the great English novelist, plausible and convincing manner of end-Charles Dickens. The last work of Mr. Dickens was a story chosen and the manner of the telling will entitled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." not be considered important. The great tale teller had woven a tangled | Fifth-Contributions must be written on skein of mystery around the tragic disap-pearance of an unfortunate young man of the "Contest Editor of the Journal," Inwealth. The novel promised to be one of dianapolis, the greatest of Dickens's works. But before he had completed the book death over- fore the conclusion of the publication of took the author, and no man knows what | the story in the Journal. All contributions the end was to have been. Monday, Feb. 8, the Journal began the conclusion of the story.

petition an entirely open one and one in Checks will be mailed to the winners upon which THE READER OF LIMITED EDU- the day the awards are announced. CATION HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE OF SUCCESS WITH THE STUDENT OR THE MAN OF LETTERS. CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST. First-Six cash prizes will be given, as follows: First, \$50.00; second, \$25.00; third, the famous Pinkerton Detective Agency. \$10.00; fourth, fifth and sixth, \$5.00. Second-At the conclusion of the contest

the prize-winning contributions will be pubished, with a number of the better solutions which will have received honorable

ing Mr. Dickens's unfinished story will be

must be received within one week after the

publication as a serial story "The Mystery | Seventh-The contributions will be filed of Edwin Drood." Every man and woman, by the contest editor and will be submitted boy and girl in Indiana may enter the com-boy and girl in Indiana may enter the com-petition for the solution prizes. The terms the judges of the contest, who will pass of the contest are such as to make the com- upon them and announce their decision. JUDGES OF THE CONTEST.

The following gentlemen have been selected to pass upon the contributions and make the awards: William Pinkerton, of Chicago, head of Capt. J. E. Kinney, chief of the Indianapolis detective department. The Hon. Fremont Alford, judge of the Criminal Court of Marion county. An installment of the story will appear each day until the completion of the story.

MOOT COURT CONFIRMS THEFT OF A WHITE DUCK TYOUNG Man Is Convicted by a Edwin Drood Charles Dickens Edwin Drood

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.]

"And I confess," said Mr. Crisparkle, "that 'I am sorry to disappoint you, sir, but it would be far worse to deceive you, and I should deceive you grossly if I pretended that you had softened me in this respect. The time may come when your powerful influence will do even that with the difficult pupil whose antecedents you know; but it has not come yet. Is this so, and in spite of my struggles against myself, Helena?" She, whose dark eyes were watching the effect of what he said on Mr. Crisparkle's face, re-plied—to Mr. Crisparkle, not to him: "It is so." dark intangible presentiments of evil—if feel-After a short pause, she answered the slightest lings founded upon staring facts are to be so look of inquiry conceivable, in her brother's called. eyes, with as slight an affirmative bend of her own head; and he went on:

"I have never yet had the courage to say to you, sir, what in full openness I ought to have said when you first talked with me on this subject. It is not easy to say, and I have been withheld by a fear of its seeming ridiculous, which is very strong upon me down to this last moment, and might, but for my sister, prevent my being quite open with you even now-I ad-mire Miss Bud, sir, so very much that I cannot bear her being treated with conceit or in-difference; and even if I did not feel that I had an injury against young Drood on my own account, I should feel that I had an injury against Mr. Crisparkle, in utter amazement, looked at Helena for corroboration, and met in her expressive face full corroboration, and a plea for

"The young lady of whom you speak is, as you know, Mr. Neville, shortly to be married," increasing in its membership rapidly. The said Mr. Crisparkle gravely; therefore your admiration, if it be of that special nature which you seem to indicate, is outrageously misplaced. Sweeny; vice president, J. F. Scott; sec- Moreover, it is monstrous that you should take retary, W. R. Sweet; treasurer, D. S. Bell; upon yourself to be the young lady's champion me to do by halves. I will take care that No against her chosen husband. Besides, you have giving way at all, shall give way thoroughly. seen them only once. The young lady has be-come your sister's friend; and I wonder that your sister, even on her behalf, has not checked you in this irrational and culpable fancy." "She has tried, sir, but uselessly. Husband ular ticket is: President, G. Snyder; vice president, W. W. Webb; secretary, W. R. Sweet; treasurer, W. H. Snyder; directors, S. S. Roberts, S. Gehring, D. S. Bell, C. W. Merker and W. H. Pierce.

The independent ticket is: C. D. Lancaster, president; W. Christini, vice president; ter crossed to his side, and caught his side. or no husband, that fellow is incapable of the ter crossed to his side, and caught his arm, and then, and say no more about it remonstrating. "Neville. Neville!" and then, and say no more about it Mr. Crisparkle, watching him attentively, and at the same time meditating how to proceed, walked on for some paces in silence. Then he

'Mr. Neville, Mr. Neville, I am sorely grieved

to see in you more traces of a character as sullen, angry, and wild, as the night now closing me the resource of treating the infatuation you have disclosed as undeserving serious consideragive it very serious consideration, and you and young Drood must not go on. I cannot permit it to go on any longer, knowing what structions your blind and envious wrath may if disconsolately looking for the Old Bourne that for that. Now, pray observe what I am about | two irregular quadrangles, called Staple Inn. It to say. On reflection, and on your sister's repreand even that young Drood shall make the first advance. This condition fulfilled, you will pledge honor of a Christian gentleman that the It is one quarrel is forever at an end on your side. What hand can only be known to the Searcher of all hearts; but it will never go well with you if and where a few feet there be any treachery there. So far as to that; few yards of gravel ena next as to what I must again speak of as your infatuation. I understand it to have been confided to me, and to be known to no other person Moreover, it is one of those nooks which are save your sister and yourself. Do I understand

Helena answered in a low voice: "It is only known to us three who are here together." "It is not at all known to the young lady, "On my soul, no! "I require you, then, to give me your similar and solemn pledge, Mr. Neville, that it shall remain the secret it is, and that you will take no other action whatsoever upon it than endeavoring (and that most earnestly) to erase it from your mind. I will not tell you that it such caprices have their rise and fall among the young and ardent every hour; I will leave you undisturbed in the belief that it has few long time, and that it will be very difficult to

conquer. So much the more weight shall I attach to the pledge I require from you, when it The young man twice or thrice essayed to speak, but failed. t is time you took home," said Mr. Crisparkle. "You will find me alone in m, room by and by."
"Pray do not leave us yet," Helena implored "I should not," said Neville, pressing his hand upon his face, "have needed so much as another minute, if you had been less patient with me, and white over its ugly portals the mysterious Mr. Crisparkle, less considerate of me, and less

childhood I had known such a guide!" There was that in her tone which broke the In which set of chambers, never having troubled good Minor Canon's voice, or it would have re-pudiated her exaltation of him. As it was, he laid a finger on his lips, and looked towards her "To say that I give both pledges, Mr. Crisparkle, out of my innermost heart, and to say

that there is no treachery in it is to say nothing!" Thus Neville, greatly moved. "I beg Who could your forgiveness for my missipally like the way of the could be with the co your forgiveness for my miserable lapse into a conceivable. Miss Helena, you and your brother come in yourself, can you not overcome in him? | had separated by consent-if there can be said You see the rock that lies in his course. Who to be separattion where there has never been but you can keep him clear of it?" "Who but you, sir?" replied Helena, "What

"You have the wisdom of love," returned the mine-but the less said of that commonplace comshould speak to Jasper. The consciousness of being popular with the whole cathedral estabone of the most prominent sugar planters and clubmen in the State.

Issumed in the well-timed sight of the lighted gatebouse decided him to take it. "I will strike while the iron is hot," he said, "and see him now." fire, when, having ascended the postern stair, and received no answer to his knock at the door, "It is only I, Jasper. I am sorry to have disturbed you."

make a way to the fireside. "I was dreaming at a great rate, and am glad to be disturbed from an indigestive after-dinner | in circulation. sleep. Not to mention that you are always wel-"Thank you, I am not confident," returned Mr. Crisparkle, as he sat himself down in the easy chair placed for him. "that my subject will at first sight be quite as welcome as myself; but I am a minister of peace, and I pursue my subject in the interests of peace. In a word Jasper, I want to establish peace between these two young fellows." A very perplexed expression took hold of Mr. Jasper's face; a very perplexing expression, too, or Mr. Crisparkle could make nothing of it.

"How?" was Jasper's inquiry, in a low and

ow voice, after a silence. For the 'how' I come to you. I want to ask you to do me the great favor and service of in-terposing with your nephew (I have already interposed with Mr. Neville), and getting him to write you a short note, in his lively way, saying that he is willing to shake hands. I know what good-natured fellow he is, and what influence you have with him. And without in the least lefending Mr. Neville, we must all admit that he was bitterly stung." Jasper turned that perplexed face towards the dre. Mr. Crisparkle continuing to observe it, found it even more perplexing than before, inasmuch as it seemed to denote (which could hardly be) some close internal calculation. "I know that you are not prepossessed in Mr. Neville's favor," the Minor Canon was going on, when Jasper stopped him. "You have cause to say so. I am not, in-"Undoubtedly; and I admit his lamentable violence of temper, though I hope he and I will get the better of it between us. But I have exacted a very solemn promise from him as to his future demeanor towards your nephew, if

you can answer for him so confidently?" The perplexed and perplexing look vanished. "Then you relieve my mind of a great dread. and a heavy weight," said Jasper; "I will Mr. Crisparkle, delighted by the swiftness and empleteness of his success, acknowledged it in he handsomest terms. "I will do it," repeated Jasper, "for the com-fort of having your guarantee against my vague and unfounded fears. You will laugh-but do

you do kindly interpose; and I am sure he will

Mr. Crisparkle. Do you really feel sure that

"You are always responsible and trustworthy,

'A line for a day; not more.' "A line for a day would be quite as much as my uneventful life would need, heaven knows," said Jasper, taking a book from a desk; "but that my diary is, in fact, a diary of Ned's life, too. You will laugh at this entry; you will but Mr. Bazzard has taken care of me. guess when It was made-'Past midnight. After what I have just ceed five hundreds words.

FOURTH-SPELLING, GRAMMAR AND
LITERARY STYLE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE JUDGES. The conSIDERED BY THE JUDGES. The con
Ceed five hundreds words.

Some horrible consequences resulting to my dear boy, that I cannot reason with or in any way coatend against. All my efforts are vain. The demoniacal passion of this Neville Landless, his strength in his fuer, and his strength in his fuer, and his strength in his fuer, and his strength in his fuer. now seen, I have a morbid dread upon me of care of myself without observing it," said Mr. some horrible consequences resulting to my Grewgious. "Pray be seated in my chair. No.

you keep a diary?

for the destruction of its object, appall me. So profound is the impression, that twice since I have gone into my dear boy's room to assure myself of his sleeping safely, and not lying dead

"Here is another entry next morning:
"Ned up and away. Light-hearted and un-suspicious as ever. He laughed when I cautioned him, and said he was as good a man as Neville Landless any day. I told him that might be, but he was not as bad a man. He continued to make light of it, but I traveled with him as far as I could, and left him most unwillingly. I am unable to shake off these dark intangible presentiments of evil-if feel-

"Again and again," said Jasper in conclusion, "I have relapsed into these moods, as other entries show. But I have now your assurance at my back, and shall put it in my book, and make it an antidote to my black

"Such an antidote, I hope," returned Mr. Crisarkle, "as will induce you before long to consign the black fault with you this evening, when you have met my wishes so freely; but I must say, Jasper, that your devotion to your nephew has made you exaggerate here. "You are my witness," said Jasper, shrugging "You are my witness," said Jasper, shrugging his shoulders, "what my state of mind honestly was that night before I sat down to write, and in what words I expressed it. You remember objecting to a word I used as being too strong? It was a stronger word than any in my diary."

"Well, well. Try the antidote," rejoined Mr. Crisparkle; "and may it give you a brighter and better view of the case! We will discuss it no more now. I have to thank you for myself, and I thank you sincerely."

"You shall find," said Jasper, as they shook hands, "that I will not do the thing you wish hands, "that I will not do the thing you wish me to do by halves. I will take care that Ned, On the third day after this conversation, he called on Mr. Crisparkle with the following

"My Dear Jack-I am touched by your account of your interview with Mr. Crisparkle, whom I much respect and esteem. At once I openly say

'Ever your most affectionate "EDWIN DROOD. "You expect Mr. Neville, then?" said Mr.

CHAPTER XI.

A PICTURE AND A RING. Behind the most ancient part of Holborn, Lonlegal nooks; and it contains a little hall, with purposes devoted, and at whose expense, this history knoweth not.

In the days when Cloisterham took offense at the existence of a railroad afar off, as menacing arallels or none, that it will abide with you | Staple Inn. The westering sun bestowed bright glances on it, and the southwest wind blew into

Neither wind nor sun, however, favored Staple Inn one December afternoon towards 6 o'clock, 'Let me leave you with your sister, whom when it was filled with fog, and candles shed murky and blurred rays through the windows of all its then-occupied sets of chambers; notably the little inner quadrangle, presenting in black

haply it might mean Perhaps John Thomas, or Perhaps Joe Tyler, sat Mr. Grewgious writing

Who could have told, by looking at Mr. Grewgious, whether he had ever known ambition or "Not mine, Neville, not mine. You know with disappointment? He had been bred to the bar,

coming together. No. Coy conveyancing would not come to Mr. Grewgious. She was wooed, not won, and they wind, and he gaining great credit in it as one ark. | Receiver and agent now, to two rich estates what he had promised to effect, and what must | and deputing their legal business, in an amount somehow be done. "I shall probably be asked worth having, to a firm of solicitors on the should write to young Drood, or whether he had settled down with his snuffers for the rest Jasper was lying asleep on a couch before the garnished Mr. Grewgious's room. They can Mr. Crisparkle gently turned the handle and so conscientious and precise was their orderly looked in. Long afterwards he had cause to arrangement. The apprehension of dying sudremember how Jasper sprang from the couch in a delirious state between sleeping and wak- denly, and leaving one fact or one figure with ing, and crying out: "What is the matter? any incompleteness or obscurity attaching to it. would have stretched Mr. Grewgious stone dead any day. The largest fidelity to a trust was the The glare of his eyes settled down into a look | life-blood of the man. There are sorts of lifeof recognition, and he moved a chair or two to blood that course more quickly, more gayly, more attractively; but there is no better sort

There was no luxury in his room. Even its comforts were limited to its being dry and warm, and having a snug though faded fireside. What may be called its private life was confined to the hearth, and an easy chair, and an old-fashioned occasional round table that was brought out upon the rug after business hours. from a corner where its elsewise remained turned up like a shining mahogany shield. Behind it. when standing thus on the defensive, was a closet, usually containing something good to An outer room was the clerk's room: Mr. Grewgious's sleeping room was across the common stair; and he held some not empty cellarage at the bottom of the common stair. Three hundred days in the year, at least, he crossed over to the hotel in Furnival's Inn for his dinner, and after dinner crossed back again, to make the most of these simplicities until it should become broad business day once more, with P. J. T., date seventeen-forty-seven. As Mr. Grewgious sat and wrote by his fire that afternoon, so did the clerk of Mr. Grewgious sit and write by his fire. A pale, puffyfaced, dark-haired person of thirty, with big dark eyes that wholly wanted luster, and a dissatisfied doughy complexion, that seemed to ask to be sent to the baker's, this attendant was a mysterious being, possessed of some strange power over Mr. Grewgious. As though he had been called into existence, like a fabulous Fa-miliar, by a magic spell which had falled when required to dismiss him, he stuck tight to Mr. Grewgieus's stool, although Mr. Grewgious's comfort and convenience would manifestly have been advanced by dispossessing him. A gloomy person with tangled locks, and a general air of having been reared under the shadow of that baleful tree of Java, which has given shelter to more lives than the whole botanical kingdom, Mr. Grewgious, nevertheless, treated him with unaccountable consideration. "Now, Bazzard," said Mr. Grewgious, on the entrance of his clerk; looking up from his papers as he arranged them for the night; "what is in the wind besides fog?

'Has called," said Bazzard. You might have shown him in." "I am doing it," said Bazzard. The visitor came in accordingly. "Dear met" said Mr. Grewgious, looking round his pair of office candles. "I thought you had called and merely left your name and gone. How do you do, Mr. Edwin? Dear me, you're choking! "It's this fog," returned Edwin; "and it makes my eyes smart, like cayenne pepper." "Is it really so bad as that? Pray unto your wrappers. It's fortunate I have so good a fire;

"Mr. Drood," says Eazzard.

'What of him?"

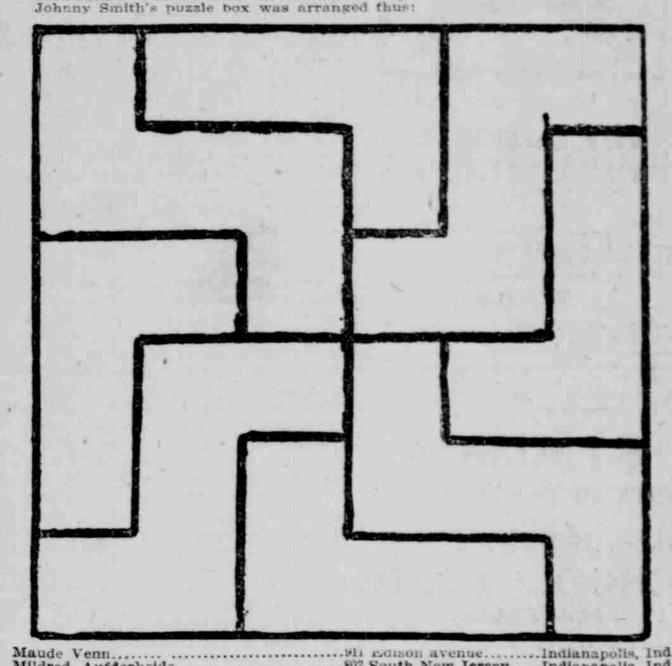
"No. I haven't," said Mr. Bazzard at the door.

"Ah! then it follows that I must have taken

Following are the winners of the prizes offered for the best solution of the puzzles in the Sunday Journal's Color Magazine Supplement Jan. 24:

Winners Will Always Be Announced the Third Week After Appearance of Puzzles From week to week the Journal has announced that five cash prizes of \$1 cach would be awarded each week to the five people who solved both puzzles in the best, clearest, neatest and most concise way and that a puzzle book would be awarded to all others sending in correct answers to one or both puzzles. There were so many correct replies received to the puzzle appearing on the 24th inst. that it was impossible to pick out five for the cash prizes. The Puzzle Editor therefore awarded dollar prizes to each of the first ten in the following list. Checks have been mailed from this office. To each of the others a puzzle book has been mailed

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